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Statistics on Interisland Shipments of Animal Products State of Hawai'i, 2023 – 2025

The Animal Disease Control Branch (ADCB) of the Animal Industry Division at the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity operates a surveillance program for livestock diseases, which includes oversight of inter-island shipments of animal products within the State of Hawai'i. The surveillance program covers six islands (Hawai'i, Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Oahu) and six categories of animals: Bovine (Cattle), Caprine (Goat), Equine (Horse), Ovine (Sheep), Porcine (Pig), and Camelid. These animals are transported between islands, and out of state, for the purposes of slaughtering, feeding, pasturing, sales, rodeo/show, and other activities.

According to the 2023-2025 shipment records provided by the ADCB (shown in Table 1), the total number of animal shipments increased from 20,604 in 2023 to 29,762 in 2025, representing an increase of 44.4% over the three-year period. Hawai'i Island was the largest source of inter-island animal shipments, accounting for 75.4% of the total. Notably, animal shipments from Oahu increased by 420.4% from 799 in 2023 to 4,158 in 2025. Most of these were cattle shipments (heifer and steer) destined for the mainland U.S. for pasturing and feedlot operations. Shipments from Kauai remained relatively stable, ranging from 2,547 to 2,611, whereas shipments from Maui declined by 80.9% from 2,676 in 2023 to 515 in 2025. Molokai's shipments remained low across all years, reflecting the island's limited exports of animal products.

Table 2 shows that bovine (cattle) shipments were the most common animal type, totaling 54,397 over the three-year period and accounting for approximately 76% of all shipments. Bovine (cattle) shipments increased by 48.8% from 15,555 in 2023 to 23,148 in 2025. Caprine (goat) shipments were the second most common animal type, with 14,263 shipments (approximately 20% of the total), and increased by 25.1% from 4,248 in 2023 to 5,316 in 2025. Equine (horse) and Ovine (sheep) shipments were relatively small across all years, accounting for 2.6% and 1.8% of the total, respectively. Porcine (pig) and Caprine shipments were minimal.

Table 3 shows a cross-tabulation of shipments by origin island and animal type, summarizing total shipments from 2023 to 2025. As noted above, Hawai'i Island dominated the bovine (cattle) shipments, reflecting the island's large ranching operations. Kauai is the only other island with a considerable number of inter-island cattle shipments, totaling 7,510 head. Oahu shipped 4,251 cattle, due to a surge in 2025, most of which were bound for the mainland states. However, for slaughter purposes, neighbor islands send their animal products (cattle and goats) to Oahu. Table 3 also shows that most caprine (goat) and ovine (sheep) shipments originated from Hawai'i Island. Equine (horse) shipments, mostly used for rodeo and show purposes, occurred across all islands.

In short, the ADCB records show an upward trend in inter-island shipments of animal products over the three-year period. This growth is largely driven by increased shipments of bovine (cattle) and caprine (goats) from Hawai'i Island. The records also show a decline in shipments from Maui, while the sharp increase in Oahu shipments in 2025, primarily bovine (cattle) bound for the U.S mainland for pasture, may reflect new ranch operations or an increase in cattle transshipping through Oahu.

Table 1: Total Number of Animal Product Shipments by Origin Island, Hawai'i, 2023 – 2025

Origin Island	2023	2024	2025	3-Yr Total	% Share of the Total	% Change (2023 – 2025)
Hawai'i	14,522	17,251	22,488	54,261	75.4	54.9
Kauai	2,600	2,611	2,547	7,758	10.8	-2.0
Maui	2,676	1,067	515	4,258	5.9	-80.8
Oahu	799	507	4,158	5,464	7.6	420.4
Molokai	7	130	54	191	0.3	671.4
Total	20,604	21,566	29,762	71,932	100.0	44.4

Source: Animal Disease Control Branch, Animal Industry Division, Hawai'i Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity.

Table 2: Total Number of Animal Product Shipments by Animal Type, Hawai'i, 2023 – 2025

Animal Type	2023	2024	2025	3-Yr Total	% Share of the Total	% Change (2023 – 2025)
Bovine (Cattle)	15,555	15,694	23,148	54,397	75.6	48.8
Caprine (Goat)	4,248	4,699	5,316	14,263	19.8	25.1
Equine (Horse)	528	591	718	1,837	2.6	36.0
Ovine (Sheep)	235	553	541	1,329	1.8	130.2
Porcine (Pig)	21	23	29	73	0.1	38.1
Camelid	17	6	10	33	0.0	41.2
Total	20,604	21,566	29,762	71,932	100.0	44.4

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Table 3: Total Number of Animal Product Shipments by Origin Island and Animal Type, Hawai'i, 2023 – 2025 (3-Year Combined)

Origin Island	Bovine (Cattle)	Caprine (Goat)	Equine (Horse)	Ovine (Sheep)	Porcine (Pig)	Camelid	3-Yr Total (2023-2025)	% Share of the Total
Hawai'i	40,254	12,635	273	1,076	23	0	54,261	75.4
Kauai	7,510	33	205	10	0	0	7,758	10.8
Oahu	4,251	140	976	43	24	30	5,464	7.6
Maui	2,252	1,449	328	200	26	3	4,258	5.9
Molokai	130	6	55	0	0	0	191	0.3
Total	54,397	14,263	1,837	1,329	73	33	71,932	100.0
% Share of the Total	75.6	19.8	2.6	1.8	0.1	0.0	100.0	

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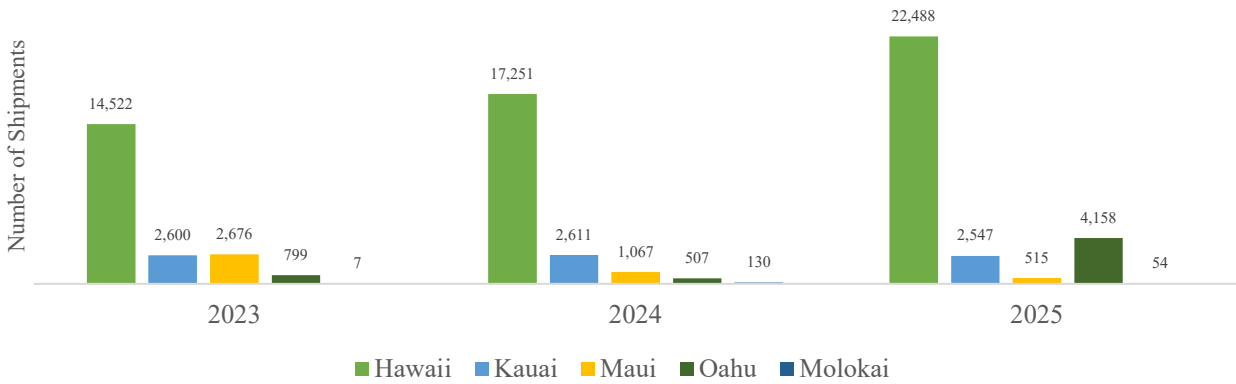


Chart 2: Total Number of Animal Product Shipments by Animal Type, Hawai'i, 2023 – 2025

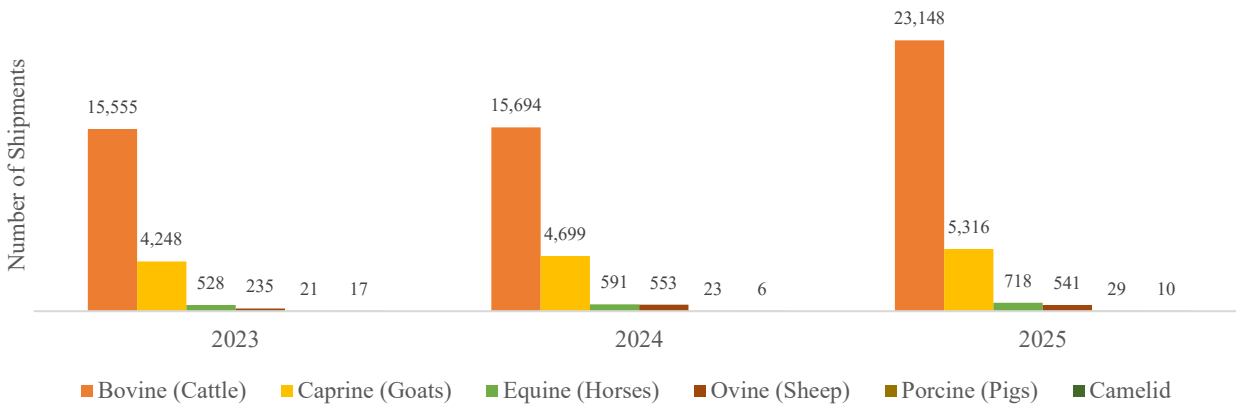
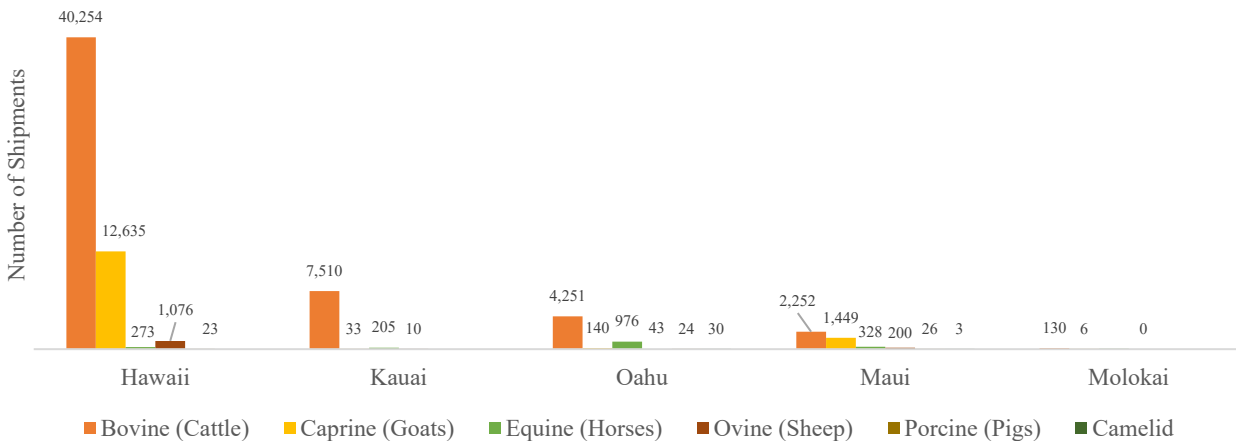


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